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The Hon. Pru Goward MP
Minister for Family and Community Services,
Minister for Social Housing, and Minister for the
Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister,

As you would be aware, the PSA strongly opposes the outsourcing of Housing NSW to the private sector.

The Member for Coffs Harbour, Andrew Fraser, has raised concerns in State Parliament about the impact of the privatisation on his region.

The mid north coast will bear the brunt of plans to slash almost 200 jobs and close offices of Housing NSW.

Andrew Fraser told Parliament "Department of Housing staff, who have served me and my office faithfully for the past 26 years - a large number of them have been there for 20 years or more - are being unfairly treated by my own government. I cannot accept that. I have always stood up for my community, I have always stood up for the people who work for government departments up there, and I believe the service that we have received from the Department of Housing over the 26 years I have been a member of Parliament has been second to none."

The PSA welcomes the support of the Member for Coffs Harbour and now seeks the following undertaking from you in relation to the Housing NSW workforce:

- * staff in regional areas be given priority placement in local public sector positions
- * staff in the metropolitan area be given priority placement within Housing NSW.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further personally at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Sandra Lockey of my office on 9220 0970 to arrange a meeting.

Yours faithfully,

Troy Wright
Assistant General Secretary